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SPEAKING NATIONS; ANOTHER SIGN OF SUPPORT ALSO SEEN

REFS: A. 75 BRASILIA 11073 NOTAL, B. 75 BRASILIA 10986

1. IN HIS YEAR-END ADDRESS, PRESIDENT GEISEL INCLUDED IN BRIEF  
TREATMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFERENCE TO CLOSER TIES WITH AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES AS ONE OF HIGHLIGHTS OF 1975. ADDED GEISEL, "SPECIAL  
SUCCESS SHOULD BE CREDITED TO THE POLICY OF APPROXIMATION WITH THE  
NEW PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING NATIONS, IN THE CONTEXT OF WHICH, FAITHFUL  
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION AND RESPECT FOR THE SELF-  
DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES, BRAZIL ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH ALL THE STATES ARISING FROM PORTUGAL'S OLD COLONIES".

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2. IN MOVE ALSO BEING INTERPRETED AS SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN POLICY

IN GENERAL AND ANGOLA RECOGNITION IN PARTICULAR, CHIEF OF FOREIGN  
MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF AFRICA, ASIA AND OCEANIA (ITALO ZAPPA)  
HAS JUST BEEN PROMOTED (TO RANK OF AMBASSADOR).

3. IN STORY ON BOTH THESE ELEMENTS, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO  
DECEMBER 31 NOTED AIR OF SATISFACTION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY,  
"PARTICULARLY AROUND THE MINISTER'S OFFICE", AND CITED "SOME  
OBSERVERS" AS BELIEVING THAT "MOMENT OF HESITATION" REPRESENTED  
BY THE "AS YET NOT REALLY CLARIFIED" RECALL FROM LUANDA OF SPECIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE DE ANDRADE MELO (REFTEL B) HAD BEEN "OVERTAKEN".  
SOTRY ATTRIBUTED TO SAME OBSERVERS IDENTIFICATION OF FOLLOWING  
"NEW FACTORS"; "THE REACTION OF THE (US) SENATE AND VARIOUS  
AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS AGAINST A GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF THE US IN  
ANGOLA; THE ALREADY ALMOST PREDICTABLE DECISION OF THE OAU TO  
RECOGNIZE THE MPLA GOVERNMENT; AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PARTIES  
IN CONFLICT WILL REACH AN AGREEMENT".

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ZAPPA WAS IN FACT DESIGNATED BEFORE THE  
RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA TO OCCUPY THE NEXT AMBASSADORIAL-RANK  
VACANCY (WHICH AROSE WITH DEATH OF AMB TO U.S. ARAUJO CASTRO),  
HIS ASCENSION IS STILL NOT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE: IT COULD, AFTER  
ALL, HAVE BEEN DERAILED OR AT LEAST DELAYED IF SERIOUS SECOND  
THOUGHTS WERE BEING GIVEN TO CHANGE IN ANGOLAN POLICY. EVEN MORE  
SIGNIFICANT, WE BELIEVE, IS THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS GIVEN THE MATTER  
OF ANGOL IN THE GEISEL SPEECH. WHILE THE LANGUAGE IS SOMEWHAT  
BLAND, BOTH ITS INCLUSION AND ITS THRUST REPRESENT A  
SUBSTANTIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE POLICY AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER SILVEIRA. END COMMENT  
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